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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of the Office of State-Federal Relations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 37.012(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The office of the governor [~~Office of State-Federal Relations~~] shall assist a local juvenile probation department in identifying additional state or federal funds to assist local juvenile probation departments conducting educational or job training programs within juvenile justice alternative education programs.

SECTION 2. Section 421.021(a), Government Code, as amended by Chapters 93 (S.B. 686), 616 (S.B. 1393), and 1217 (S.B. 1536), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) The Homeland Security Council is composed of the governor or the governor's designee, the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee, the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee, and one representative of each of the following entities, appointed by the single statewide elected or appointed governing officer, administrative head, or chair, as appropriate, of the entity:

- (1) Department of Agriculture;
- (2) office of the attorney general;

- 1 (3) General Land Office;
- 2 (4) Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- 3 (5) Department of State Health Services;
- 4 (6) Department of Information Resources;
- 5 (7) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
- 6 (8) Texas Division of Emergency Management;
- 7 (9) Texas Military Department;
- 8 (10) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 9 (11) Railroad Commission of Texas;
- 10 (12) Texas Military Preparedness Commission;
- 11 (13) Texas Department of Transportation;
- 12 (14) Commission on State Emergency Communications;
- 13 (15) ~~[Office of State-Federal Relations;~~
- 14 ~~[(16)]~~ secretary of state;
- 15 (16) ~~[(17)]~~ Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and
- 16 Military Installations ~~[Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural~~
- 17 ~~Affairs and Homeland Security]~~;
- 18 (17) ~~[(18)]~~ the committee of the senate having
- 19 jurisdiction over homeland security ~~[Senate Committee on~~
- 20 ~~Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security]~~;
- 21 (18) ~~[(19)]~~ the committee of the house of
- 22 representatives having jurisdiction over homeland security;
- 23 (19) ~~[(20)]~~ ~~House Committee on Homeland Security and~~
- 24 ~~Public Safety,~~
- 25 ~~[(21)]~~ Texas Animal Health Commission;
- 26 (20) ~~[(22)]~~ Texas Commission on Law Enforcement;
- 27 (21) ~~[(23)]~~ state fire marshal's office;

- 1           (22) [~~(24)~~] Texas Education Agency;
- 2           (23) [~~(25)~~] Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
- 3           (24) [~~(26)~~] Parks and Wildlife Department;
- 4           (25) [~~(27)~~] Texas A&M Forest Service; and
- 5           (26) [~~(28)~~] Texas Water Development Board.

6           SECTION 3. Section [493.013](#)(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

- 8           (b) The board shall require the committee to:
  - 9           (1) maximize federal grant and entitlement funding  
10 available to the state;
  - 11           (2) submit biennially to the board a detailed report  
12 that includes information on all federal grants and entitlements  
13 identified and applied for by the committee and the results of the  
14 applications; and
  - 15           (3) work in conjunction with the governor's office and  
16 the Health and [~~Office of State-Federal Relations and the Texas~~  
17 ~~Department of~~] Human Services Commission to investigate the  
18 applicability of:
    - 19           (A) the national school lunch program to inmates  
20 who are pursuing a primary or secondary education while confined in  
21 the institutional division; and
    - 22           (B) the food stamp program administered under  
23 Chapter [33](#), Human Resources Code, to inmates who are confined and  
24 treated in substance abuse felony punishment facilities.

25           SECTION 4. Section [535.051](#)(b), Government Code, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

- 27           (b) The chief administrative officer of each of the

1 following state agencies, in consultation with the governor, shall  
2 designate one employee from the agency to serve as a liaison for  
3 faith- and community-based organizations:

- 4 (1) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 5 (2) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 6 (3) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
7 Affairs;
- 8 (4) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
- 9 (5) the Texas Veterans Commission;
- 10 (6) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- 11 (7) the office of the governor;
- 12 (8) the Department of Public Safety;
- 13 (9) the Texas Department of Insurance;
- 14 (10) the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- 15 (11) the office of the attorney general;
- 16 (12) the Department of Agriculture;
- 17 (13) the office of the comptroller;
- 18 (14) the Department of Information Resources;
- 19 (15) ~~the Office of State-Federal Relations,~~
- 20 ~~(16)~~ the office of the secretary of state; and
- 21 (16) ~~(17)~~ other state agencies as determined by the  
22 governor.

23 SECTION 5. Section [772.0101](#)(a), Government Code, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 (a) The border commerce coordinator shall establish and  
26 appoint the members of the Border Inspection, Trade, and  
27 Transportation Advisory Committee. The members must include

1 representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation, the  
2 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, [~~the Office of~~  
3 ~~State-Federal Relations,~~] the United States Department of  
4 Transportation, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration,  
5 and other representatives of state and federal agencies involved in  
6 border crossing issues. Chapter 2110 does not apply to the size,  
7 composition, or duration of the Border Inspection, Trade, and  
8 Transportation Advisory Committee.

9 SECTION 6. Section 772.011(b), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (b) The work group is composed of the heads of the following  
12 agencies or their designees:

- 13 (1) the Texas Department of Rural Affairs;
- 14 (2) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
15 Affairs;
- 16 (3) the Texas Water Development Board;
- 17 (4) the Texas Department of Transportation;
- 18 (5) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 19 (6) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- 20 (7) the Department of State Health Services;
- 21 (8) the Health and Human Services Commission;
- 22 (9) the General Land Office;
- 23 (10) the Texas Economic Development and Tourism  
24 Office;
- 25 (11) [~~the Office of State-Federal Relations,~~
- 26 [~~(12)~~] the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- 27 (12) [~~(13)~~] the attorney general's office;

- 1           (13) [~~(14)~~] the secretary of state's office;  
2           (14) [~~(15)~~] the Department of Public Safety; and  
3           (15) [~~(16)~~] the Railroad Commission of Texas.

4           SECTION 7. Section 775.002(d), Government Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6           (d) The following agencies shall designate an officer or  
7 employee of the agency to serve as the agency's liaison for colonia  
8 initiatives:

- 9           (1) the office of the attorney general;  
10           (2) the Department of State Health Services;  
11           (3) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
12 Affairs;  
13           (4) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;  
14           (5) the Texas Water Development Board;  
15           (6) the Texas Department of Rural Affairs;  
16           (7) ~~the Office of State-Federal Relations,~~  
17           ~~(8)~~ the Texas Department of Insurance; and  
18           (8) [~~(9)~~] the Texas Department of Transportation.

19           SECTION 8. Section 361.423(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21           (b) The commission and the comptroller, on an ongoing basis,  
22 shall jointly:

23           (1) identify existing economic and regulatory  
24 incentives and disincentives for creating an optimal market  
25 development strategy;

26           (2) analyze or take into consideration the market  
27 development implications of:

1 (A) the state's waste management policies and  
2 regulations;

3 (B) existing and potential markets for plastic,  
4 glass, paper, lead-acid batteries, tires, compost, scrap gypsum,  
5 coal combustion by-products, and other recyclable materials; and

6 (C) the state's tax structure and overall  
7 economic base;

8 (3) examine and make policy recommendations regarding  
9 the need for changes in or the development of:

10 (A) economic policies that affect  
11 transportation, such as those embodied in freight rate schedules;

12 (B) tax incentives and disincentives;

13 (C) the availability of financial capital  
14 including grants, loans, and venture capital;

15 (D) enterprise zones;

16 (E) managerial and technical assistance;

17 (F) job-training programs;

18 (G) strategies for matching market supply and  
19 market demand for recyclable materials, including intrastate and  
20 interstate coordination;

21 (H) the state recycling goal;

22 (I) public-private partnerships;

23 (J) research and development;

24 (K) government procurement policies;

25 (L) educational programs for the public,  
26 corporate and regulated communities, and government entities; and

27 (M) public health and safety regulatory

1 policies;

2 (4) establish a comprehensive statewide strategy to  
3 expand markets for recycled products in Texas;

4 (5) provide information and technical assistance to  
5 small and disadvantaged businesses, business development centers,  
6 chambers of commerce, educational institutions, and nonprofit  
7 associations on market opportunities in the area of recycling; and

8 (6) with the cooperation of the office of the governor  
9 [~~Office of State-Federal Relations~~], assist communities and  
10 private entities in identifying state and federal grants pertaining  
11 to recycling and solid waste management.

12 SECTION 9. Section 132.001(d), Human Resources Code, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (d) The governor shall submit the agenda to the Texas  
15 congressional delegation [~~and to the Office of State-Federal~~  
16 ~~Relations~~] and shall annually amend the agenda and rank agenda  
17 items. The agenda must identify issues of federal law, rules and  
18 regulations, or programs of common concern to different state  
19 agencies and programs.

20 SECTION 10. Section 344.152(c), Local Government Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (c) The board may seek the assistance of the office of the  
23 governor [~~Office of State-Federal Relations~~] in identifying and  
24 applying for federal grants for fire control, prevention, and  
25 emergency medical services programs.

26 SECTION 11. Section 363.152(c), Local Government Code, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

1           (c) The board may seek the assistance of the office of the  
2 governor [~~Office of State-Federal Relations~~] in identifying and  
3 applying for federal grants for criminal justice programs. The  
4 board shall notify the appropriate council of government of any  
5 intent to submit applications for federal funds and for inclusion  
6 in the regional criminal justice planning process.

7           SECTION 12. Section 201.053(b), Transportation Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           (b) The chair shall:

10           (1) preside over commission meetings, make rulings on  
11 motions and points of order, and determine the order of business;

12           (2) represent the department in dealing with the  
13 governor;

14           (3) report to the commission the governor's  
15 suggestions for department operations;

16           (4) designate one or more employees of the department  
17 as a civil rights division of the department and receive regular  
18 reports from the division on the department's efforts to comply  
19 with civil rights legislation and administrative rules;

20           (5) create subcommittees, appoint commissioners to  
21 subcommittees, and receive the reports of subcommittees to the  
22 commission as a whole;

23           (6) appoint a commissioner to act in the chair's  
24 absence; and

25           (7) serve as the departmental liaison with the  
26 governor [~~and the Office of State-Federal Relations~~] to maximize  
27 federal funding for transportation.

1           SECTION 13. Section 1001.023(b), Transportation Code, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           (b) The chair shall:

4                 (1) preside over board meetings, make rulings on  
5 motions and points of order, and determine the order of business;

6                 (2) represent the department in dealing with the  
7 governor;

8                 (3) report to the governor on the state of affairs of  
9 the department at least quarterly;

10                (4) report to the board the governor's suggestions for  
11 department operations;

12                (5) report to the governor on efforts, including  
13 legislative requirements, to maximize the efficiency of department  
14 operations through the use of private enterprise;

15                (6) periodically review the department's  
16 organizational structure and submit recommendations for structural  
17 changes to the governor, the board, and the Legislative Budget  
18 Board;

19                (7) designate at least one employee of the department  
20 as a civil rights officer of the department and receive regular  
21 reports from the officer or officers on the department's efforts to  
22 comply with civil rights legislation and administrative rules;

23                (8) create subcommittees, appoint board members to  
24 subcommittees, and receive the reports of subcommittees to the  
25 board as a whole;

26                (9) appoint a member of the board to act in the absence  
27 of the chair and vice chair; and

1           (10) serve as the departmental liaison with the  
2 governor [~~and the Office of State-Federal Relations~~] to maximize  
3 federal funding for transportation.

4           SECTION 14. Chapter 751, Government Code, is repealed.

5           SECTION 15. On January 1, 2018:

6           (1) the Office of State-Federal Relations is  
7 abolished;

8           (2) all obligations, rights, contracts, records, real  
9 and personal property, funds, appropriations, and money of the  
10 Office of State-Federal Relations are transferred to the office of  
11 the governor;

12           (3) the executive director of the Office of  
13 State-Federal Relations becomes an employee of the office of the  
14 governor;

15           (4) an employee of the Office of State-Federal  
16 Relations becomes an employee of the office of the governor; and

17           (5) a reference in other law to the Office of  
18 State-Federal Relations means the office of the governor.

19           SECTION 16. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.